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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action issued on August 20, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendment and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for cutting an indefinite length of suture to uniform lengths for subsequent threading and swaging to surgical needles having a suture receiving opening formed therein, comprising:

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